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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This supplemental examiner's amendment is in addition to the examiner's amendment filed August 31, 2010, which replaced the Examiner's amendment filed July 22, 2010.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Steven Rutt on June 29, 2010 and Bruce Wu on August 27, 2010 and August 31, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please rejoin withdrawn claims 3, 4, 6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 28-33, 43, 45, 47-51, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 66-70, 73-79, 86, 116,

Please disregard the amendment of claim 37 in the supplemental examiner's amendment filed August 31, 2010, and amend claim 37 as follows:

37. The method according to claim 1, wherein the lithography is [[a]] nanolithography, the tip is an atomic force microscopic tip, ~~the tip~~ and is modified to inhibit protein adsorption, and the ~~chemical agent is~~ selected hydrophilic polyalkylene glycol compounds are electrostatically charged.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson Yang whose telephone number is (571)272-0826. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

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